

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT****For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION



ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
ERROLL G. WILLIAMS, ASSESSOR

1300 Perdido Street | City Hall-Room 4E01 | New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

June 26, 2012

Honorable Errol Williams
Orleans Parish Assessor
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Assessor Williams:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office (the "Assessor's Office") for the year ended December 31, 2011 is hereby submitted.

State statutes (LRS 24:513) require that the Assessor publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year, a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licenses certified public accountants. Pursuant to these statutes, we hereby issue the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Assessor's Office for the year ended December 31, 2011.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Assessor's Office. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Assessor has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Assessor's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Assessor's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The Assessor's Office's financial statements have been audited by Cascio and Schmidt, LLC, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Assessor for the year ended December 31, 2011, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an "unqualified" (or "clean") opinion that the Assessor's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Assessor's Office was part of a broader, "GAO Yellowbook" audit designed to meet the special needs of federal and state agencies. The standards governing a GAO Yellowbook engagement require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements. These reports are available in the Compliance Section of this report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Assessor's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors in the Financial Section of this report.

PROFILE OF THE GOVERNMENT

As discussed in the notes to the financial statements, as the local governing authority, the City/Parish of New Orleans (the "City/Parish") is considered to be the primary government of Orleans Parish. However, for a number of reasons, the Assessor's Office is not considered to be a component unit of the City/Parish and, therefore, issues a "stand-alone" report.

Some of the reasons for not including the Assessor as part of the City/Parish reporting entity include: 1) the Assessor is legally separate from the City/Parish, 2) the Assessor is a separately elected official elected by the citizenry in a general popular election, 3) the City/Parish can neither impose its will on the Assessor nor does the Assessor provide significant benefits or burdens to the City/Parish, and 4) the Assessor is not fiscally dependent on the City/Parish (as the funding mechanism is set by state statute)..

The financial reporting entity of the Assessor's Office includes all of the funds, as well as component units, for which he is financially accountable. For 2011, there were no component units included in the reporting entity.

It should be noted that pursuant to state statutes and a popular vote of the citizenry, the seven assessors and the Board of Assessors were disbanded and consolidated into a single assessor. This is the first year that the newly created Assessor's Office has been in existence.

FACTORS AFFECTING FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the Assessor operates.

Local Economic Condition and Outlook

On August 29, 2005, **Hurricane Katrina** struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the New Orleans Metropolitan area, which includes Orleans Parish and the area serviced by the Assessor. The amount of destruction and the difficulties faced by our entire area have been well documented. In the aftermath of the storm, the citizenry voted to combine the seven existing assessors into one in an effort to save money and to better manage the assessed values of the devastated area. State statutes mandated a consolidation by January 1, 2011. A parish-wide election was held and a single assessor was voted into office. The net assets of the former assessors and the Board of Assessors were transferred into the newly created Assessor's Office.

Despite the devastation seen throughout the area, the local economy, driven by recovery dollars, was doing fairly well until the recent recession. With the widespread devastation, property values and assessments have fallen, however, even those have been making a comeback. The Assessor's Office is funded via a two (2) percent allocation of the assessed taxes. The Assessor assesses the properties and the City of New Orleans bills the citizens and collects the property taxes. The City/Parish sends the Assessor its allocation once collections begin coming in.

Unemployment in the area is 6.5%, a drop of 7.2% from last year. Again, despite the national trends and the recession, the New Orleans area has been propped up somewhat by the continuing recovery.

The City/Parish's economy has become more diverse over the years, especially since Hurricane Katrina. Oil and gas remain an important part of the local economy, however, tourism, shipping, and the cruise industry are just as important. Given the City of New Orleans' history and location on the Mississippi River, these other areas of the economy support thousands of jobs and bring millions of dollars into the area. This world-wide exposure is one of the factors helping us rebuild so quickly from the largest man-made disaster in history.

As the rebuilding efforts continue and, hopefully, as the population of the City/Parish continues to increase, the property values and the local economy will only improve.

Overview of Operating Statistics

As noted above, the Assessor's Office is now consolidated into a single assessor. During 2011, we provided assessed values on 151,221 parcels. Total assessments for residential and commercial property came in at \$2,586,081,540. Of this amount, 54,093 parcels were able to claim some or all of the homestead exemption granted by the State. These homestead exemptions totaled \$384,015,970, leaving a taxable assessed value of \$2,202,064,570.

Added to this number are the 9,960 parcels subject to personal property assessments and the 376 parcels subject to public service assessments. These assessed values came in at \$385,699,970 and \$167,557,410, respectively, bringing the total number of parcels to 161,557 with total taxable assessments of \$2,755,321,950.

Long-term Financial Planning

The Assessor's main source of revenue is set at two (2) percent of the assessed tax rolls by state statute, thus, the long-term funding of this office is set. The consolidation of the seven assessors into one has also led to operating efficiencies, although, in this first year, some of the expected efficiencies have not yet been realized.

Because of the short turn-around in the transition from seven assessors to one, staffing was difficult in this first year. The result was that we had to utilize additional professional services to help us consolidate and to serve the citizens.

Because this department is typically administrative in its duties, we do not have the need for major capital assets or infrastructure. Prior to the consolidation, the seven assessors and the Board of Assessors recognized the need for an upgrade to the software system utilized in maintaining the tax rolls. As such, Revenue Bonds totaling \$8,995,000 were issued in 2009 to fund the Real Property Data Collection Project. This new software allows for much more data to be captured and is very robust in the reports and data that can be pulled out of it. We expect to be utilizing this system for years to come. Upon consolidation, this software and the related debt were absorbed by the new Assessor's Office. We will continue to service this debt out of future recurring revenues to the tune of about \$1.1 million per year. Final payment is to be made in December 2017.

Cash Management Policies and Practices

The Assessor's Office typically receives the bulk of its millage allocation in the first few months of the year when taxes are being collected. The Assessor maintains operating and payroll accounts with a local fiscal agent bank, which provides FDIC coverage for its deposits. At year end, our cash balances totaled \$137,314.

When excess funds are available, the Assessor utilizes the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a state-run asset pool for local governments. LAMP only invests in government instrumentalities allowed under the investment statutes and pays each participant interest on a monthly basis. At December 31, 2011, our investments in LAMP totaled \$5,224,548. These funds are pulled down for operations throughout the year.

State statutes require the Assessor to have his deposits insured or collateralized at a rate of 100 percent at all times. During 2011, this requirement was complied with at all times.

Pension and Other Post-employment Benefits

Pension. The Assessor provides pension benefits for all of its full-time employees through the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System, a state-wide defined benefit multiple employer public retirement system. The system is administered and controlled by a board of trustees. Contribution rates are set by the board and approved by the State Legislature. Contributions by the various participants are pooled within the system to fund accrued benefits. The Assessor's Office does not guarantee the benefits granted by this retirement system. For 2011, the contribution rate for the Assessor was 21.5%. Employer contributions totaled \$.281,566.

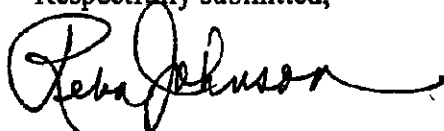
Other Post-employment Benefits (OPEB). The Assessor also provides post-retirement health benefits for certain eligible retirees and their dependents. For 2011, the Assessor followed the reporting requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45, which governs how OPEB benefits are calculated, accrued, and reported on. As of December 31, 2011, the Assessor's Net OPEB Liability was \$1,066,442. Thus far, the Assessor has chosen not to fund these liabilities, thus the entire liability is carried on the books at year end as a non-current liability.

Additional information on the pension plan and the OPEB liability can be found in Notes D and E in the notes to the financial statements.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished with the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the Assessor's Office. The consolidation of these offices was a public mandate and the staff responded accordingly and timely. Finally, credit should be given to you, Assessor Williams, for your continued service and support in planning and conducting the financial affairs of this newly consolidated entity.

Respectfully submitted,



Reba Johnson
Accounting Director

**ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
LISTING OF OFFICIALS
December 31, 2011**

**Erroll G. Williams
ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR**

**Darren Mire
DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT VALUATION**

**Claude Mauberret
DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

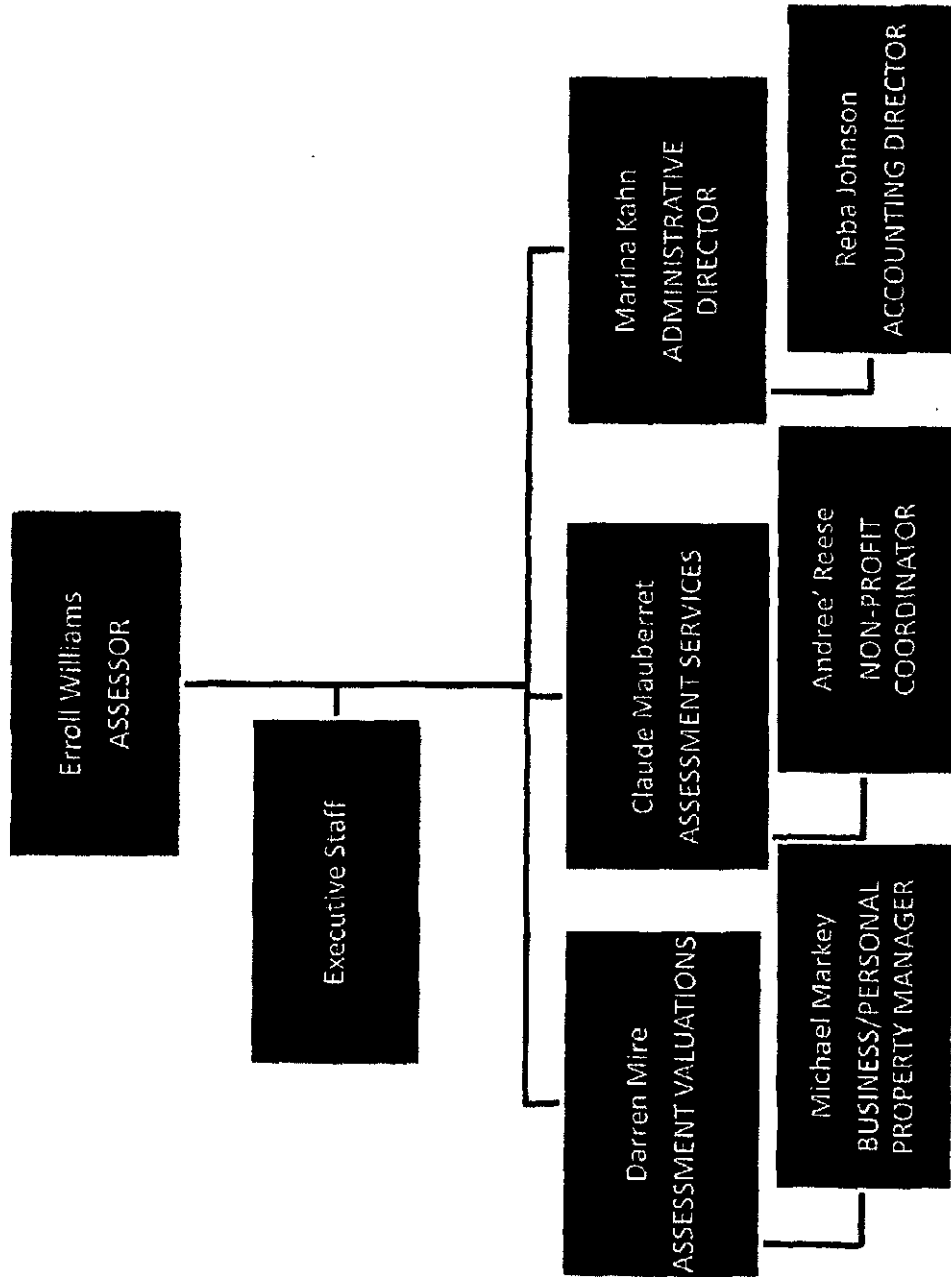
**Andree' Reese
NON-PROFIT COORDINATOR**

**Marina Kahn
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR**

**Michael Markey
BUSINESS/PERSONAL PROPERTY MANAGER**

**Reba Johnson
ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR**

**ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
DECEMBER 31, 2011**



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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Orleans Parish Assessor's Office

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, for the year ended December 31, 2011, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, as of December 31, 2011, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2012, on our consideration of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office's internal control over financial reporting, and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison of information on pages 11 through 17 and page 48, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office financial statements as a whole. The introductory and statistical sections are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Caccio & Schmidt, LLC

Metairie, Louisiana
June 26, 2012

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office ("Assessor"), New Orleans, Louisiana's annual financial report, provides the narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Assessor for the year ended December 31, 2011. The discussion focuses on the Assessor's basic financial statements which include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Assessor's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$7,852,826 (net assets) for the year ended December 31, 2011.
- The Net Assets are comprised principally of the following:
 1. Investments of \$5,224,548 (money held in LAMP)
 2. Capital assets of \$9,771,362, including property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.
 3. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (primarily OPEB) of \$1,224,293.
 4. Revenue Bonds Payable amounted to \$5,885,000.
 5. Unassigned net assets of \$3,966,464 represent amounts available to maintain the Assessor's continuing obligations to the citizens of Orleans Parish.
- Net Assets increased by \$1,030,378 before Significant Items and \$7,852,826 after Significant Items.
- At December 31, 2011, the fund balance of the General Fund amounted to \$3,966,464, or 65.6% of total General Fund annual expenditures.
- During 2011, the Assessor implemented GASB Statement No. 54 - *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund-Type Definitions*.
- Effective January 1, 2011, the seven assessor's in the City/Parish were consolidated into one. A Significant Item totaling \$6,822,448 is recognized in the Statement of Activities. This amount represents the net assets transferred from the previous assessors and the Board of Assessors to the newly created Orleans Parish Assessor's Office.

OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements. The Assessor also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements, such as required supplementary information. Comparative data is presented when available.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Assessor's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Assessor's overall financial status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of activities between funds.

The first of these government-wide statements is the Statement of Net Assets. This is the government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the Assessor's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Assessor as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the Assessor would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base, in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the Statement of Activities, which reports how the Assessor's net assets changed during the current calendar year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the Assessor's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the Assessor's taxpayers.

Fund Financial Statements

A Fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Assessor used a single fund to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the Assessor's only fund, the General Fund. The Assessor uses only one fund type: "Governmental Funds".

Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompasses essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the Assessor's governmental funds. These statements report short-term accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. They are useful in evaluating annual financial requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Fund Financial Statements - (continued)

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to the government-wide statements to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements as titled in the table of contents.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE ACTIVITIES

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Assessor's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The assets at the fiscal year-end exceeded liabilities by \$7,852,826. The following table provides a summary of the Assessor's net assets:

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Assets

Current and Other Assets	\$ 5,414,853
Capital Assets, Net of accumulated depreciation	<u>9,771,362</u>
Total Assets	<u>15,186,215</u>

Liabilities

Current liabilities	1,448,389
Revenue Bonds payable	<u>5,885,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,333,389</u>

Net Assets

Invested in capital assets	3,886,362
Unrestricted	<u>3,966,464</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,852,826</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT - WIDE - Continued

The Statement of Activities does not include capital assets, however, depreciation on the capital assets is presented. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$1,030,378, before the transfer of funds from the former Board of Assessors and assessors (totaling \$6,822,448), which is shown as a Significant Item..

The following is the Government-wide condensed Statement of Activities:

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended December 31, 2011

Revenues

Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 8,362,816
Interest and other income	<u>41,089</u>
Total Revenue	<u>8,403,905</u>

Expenses

Salaries and benefits	3,891,217
Operating expenses	3,354,039
Other	<u>128,271</u>
Total Expenses	<u>7,373,527</u>

Change in Net Assets Before Significant Item 1,030,378

Significant Item

Transfers from Board of Assessors and former assessors	6,822,448
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Change In Net Assets

Beginning Net Assets	-
Ending Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,852,826</u>

As noted earlier, the Assessor uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial-related legal requirements. The focus of the governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the financing requirements. In particular, the unrestricted fund balance serves as a useful measure of a government's net resources available.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ASSESSOR'S FUNDS

General Fund

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned and total fund balance of the general fund was \$3,966,464. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare the unassigned fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned and total fund balance represents 65.6 percent of total General Fund expenditures. The following is the General Fund condensed Balance Sheet:

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2011

Assets

Current and other assets \$ 5,414,853

Liabilities

Current and other liabilities \$ 1,448,389

Fund Balance

Unassigned Fund Balance 3,966,464

Liabilities and Fund Balance \$ 5,414,853

The following is the General Fund condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenditures:

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Years ended December 31, 2011

Revenues

Intergovernmental revenue \$ 8,362,816

Interest and other income 41,089

Total Revenues 8,403,905

Expenditures

Salaries and benefits 3,930,822

Operating expenses 2,119,321

Total Expenses 6,050,143

Other Financing Use - Transfers out (1,121,386)

Excess (Deficiency) Before Significant Item 1,232,376

Significant Item - Transfers from Board of Assessors
and former assessors 2,734,088

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets - Beginning -

Net Assets - Ending \$ 3,966,464

General Fund Revenues

General Fund revenues totaled \$8,403,905 for 2011. The primary source of these revenues is the millage allocation received from the City of New Orleans tax rolls. As provided by Act 433 of the Regular Session of 2005, the funding of the office of the assessor for Orleans Parish was changed. The provision of the act is to apply to all taxable years beginning on or after December 31, 2005. Therefore, as provided, the office of the assessor shall be funded annually no later than March 1st by the City of New Orleans with no less than two percent (2%) of the ad valorem taxes levied on property in the City of New Orleans and the Parish of Orleans. Such funding shall produce in the initial year revenue equal to or greater than that which was received from the City of New Orleans for the previous year. The total amount of revenue received by the office of the assessor shall never be less than that received in the initial year. Total revenue received for the year from the City of New Orleans as provided by Act 433 amounted to \$8,362,816.

General Fund Functional Expenses

The Assessor's operations are administrative in nature. Personnel and related benefits make up 64.3% of the fund's expenditures, while professional fees made up 23.6. The remaining 12.1% is made up of miscellaneous operating costs (supplies, occupancy, travel, etc.)

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund presents the principal and interest payments for the current year on the long-term revenue bond debt. For 2011, payments of \$830,000 in principal and \$291,386 in interest were made.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Budget to Actual Variances

The variances between budgeted and actual amounts are summarized below:

Revenue - Actual amounts exceeded budgeted amounts by \$761,905. The primary reason for revenues coming in over budget was that the amount received through the Orleans Parish Millage Allocation exceeded the amount expected. Given that this was the first year of operations, this amount was difficult to estimate.

Expenditures - Actual amounts were above budgeted amounts by \$62,213. The primary reason personal services came in 20% under budget was the difficulties encountered by the office in filling open positions after the transition. Benefits were over budget by 19% due to the accrual for OPEB liabilities. Salaries and benefits are the areas that make up most of the under budget amount. These changes were offset by an overage in Professional Services caused by the number of consultants used to fill the void in staffing after the consolidation of the offices..

Amendments to the Budget

There were no amendments made during the year.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The capital assets consist principally of a property assessment database. The investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for governmental activities as of December 31, 2011 was \$9,771,362. In 2011, depreciation expense amounted to \$1,031,998.

Revenue Bonds Payable

Revenue bonds Series 2009, in the amount of \$8,995,000 were issued in August 2009 by the former Board of Assessors, with interest at 4.81%, to provide funds for the Real Property Data Collection Project. The debt service requirements range from \$735,000 to \$1,100,000, annually to maturity in the year 2017. This debt transferred to the new Assessor's Office on January 1, 2012. For 2011, payments were made on principal of \$830,000 and interest of \$291,386, leaving a balance of bonds payable of 5,885,000.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

- The unemployment rate for the New Orleans Metropolitan area is currently 6.4 %, which is 0.6% lower than last years rate of 7.0%. This reflects the continuing stagnation in the national and local economies.
- Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices. The rebuilding effort in the region from Hurricane Katrina continues to buffer the region somewhat from national trends.
- The rate of Ad Valorem Tax Assessments that is allocated to the Assessor remains at two (2) percent of the tax roll. This amount is used for next year's budget.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office finances for all those with an interest in this government's finances and activities. Questions concerning the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Errol Williams, Orleans Parish Assessor, New Orleans City Hall, New Orleans, LA 70000. The financial report is also available as a public record via the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website at www.lja.la.gov.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

December 31, 2011

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents (Note C.1)	\$ 137,314
Investments (Note C.2)	5,224,548
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation (Note C.3)	9,771,362
Bond issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$42,777 (Note C.3)	51,825
Other assets	<u>1,166</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>15,186,215</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 157,851
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Due within one year:	
Revenue Bonds Payable (Note C.4)	870,000
Bond Interest Payable (Note C.4)	224,096
Due in more than one year:	
Revenue Bonds payable (Note C.4)	5,015,000
Other post-employment benefits payable (Note E)	<u>1,066,442</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,333,389</u>

NET ASSETS

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	3,886,362
Unassigned net assets	<u>3,966,464</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>7,852,826</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2011

<u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>PROGRAM REVENUES CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>	<u>NET (EXPENSE) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
Primary Government			
Governmental Activities			
General	\$ <u>7,373,527</u>	\$ <u>35,239</u>	\$ (7,338,288)
General Revenues:			
Orleans Parish, millage allocation			8,362,816
Unrestricted investment earnings			<u>5,850</u>
Total general revenues			<u>8,368,666</u>
Change in net assets before Significant Item			1,030,378
Significant Item:			
Transfers from Board of Assessors and former assessors (Note F)			6,822,448
Net assets			
Beginning of year			<u>-</u>
End of year			\$ <u>7,852,826</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

December 31, 2011

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 137,314	\$ -	\$ 137,314
Investments	5,224,548	-	5,224,548
Bond issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization	51,825	-	51,825
Other assets	<u>1,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,166</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,414,853</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,414,853</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 157,851	-	\$ 157,851
Bond interest payable	224,096	-	224,096
Post-employment benefits payable	<u>1,066,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,066,442</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,448,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,448,389</u>
Fund Balances			
Non-spendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	<u>3,966,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,966,464</u>
Total fund balances	<u>3,966,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,966,464</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,414,853</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,414,853</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

December 31, 2011

Total Government Fund Balance at December 31, 2011	\$ 3,966,464
Amounts reported in governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet	9,771,362
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(5,885,000)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities at December 31, 2011	\$ <u>7,852,826</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue			
Orleans Parish, millage allocation	\$ 8,362,816	\$ -	\$ 8,362,816
Investment income	5,850	-	5,850
Charges for services	<u>35,239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,239</u>
Total Revenues	<u>8,403,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,403,905</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government:			
Personnel and related benefits	3,891,217	-	3,891,217
Travel	39,605	-	39,605
Professional Fees	1,427,554	-	1,427,554
Supplies	193,116	-	193,116
Equipment	162,132	-	162,132
Occupancy	208,248	-	208,248
Debt service:			
Principal	-	830,000	830,000
Interest	-	291,386	291,386
Other	<u>128,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,271</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,050,143</u>	<u>1,121,386</u>	<u>7,171,529</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	1,121,386	1,121,386
Transfers out	<u>(1,121,386)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,121,386)</u>
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>(1,121,386)</u>	<u>1,121,386</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	1,232,376	-	1,232,376
Significant Item:			
Transfers from Board of Assessors and former assessors (Note F)	<u>2,734,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,734,088</u>
Fund Balances			
Beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 3,966,464</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,966,464</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the year ended December 31, 2011

Net Change in Governmental
Fund Balance (prior to Significant Items) \$ 1,232,376

Amount reported for the governmental activities in the
statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental fund as
expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities,
the cost of those assets are allocated over the estimated
useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount
of depreciation expenses in the current period. There were
no capital outlays for the current period. (1,031,998)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds) provides current
financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment
of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial
resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however,
has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the
effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items
when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and
amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net
effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and
related items. 830,000

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 1,030,378

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2011

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office (the "Assessor") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. A summary of the Assessor's significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows:

1. Reporting Entity

Under GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Section 2100, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government and its component units. As the governing authority of the City/Parish of Orleans, the City of New Orleans is considered to be the primary government for financial reporting purposes for the City/Parish of New Orleans.

For reporting purposes, the Assessor is not considered to be a component unit of the City/Parish of New Orleans. Instead, the Assessor is considered to be a "stand-alone" special purpose government. This decision is based on the following:

- 1) The Assessor enjoys a separate legal standing from the City/Parish of New Orleans and other governmental entities. The Assessor has the ability to sue or be sued in its own name.
- 2) The Assessor is a separately elected official, elected by the citizenry in a general, popular election.
- 3) The City/Parish of New Orleans does not have the ability to impose its will on the Assessor. The City Council cannot remove the Assessor from office. The Assessor adopts its own budget separate and apart from the City Council and other local governmental entities. The day-to-day operations of the Assessor are under the responsibility and control of no one other than the Assessor.
- 4) The Assessor does not provide a significant financial benefit or burden to the City Council. The Assessor is primarily funded by a special allocation of ad valorem taxes collected throughout the City. While the City Council does provide office space to the Assessor at no cost, this transaction is not considered significant enough to make the City Council financially accountable for the Assessor.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Therefore, the financial report of the Assessor is separate and apart from the City of New Orleans and includes the funds only for which the Assessor is financially accountable.

2. Description of Activities

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Assessor is elected by the parish voters and serves for a term of four years. Prior to the year 2011, there were seven assessors and a board of assessors for Orleans Parish. Effective January 1, 2011, RS 47:1903.2, amended prior statutes and provided for the consolidation of the assessors of Orleans Parish into a single assessor.

The Assessor assesses all real and moveable property in the parish subject to ad valorem taxation, and is authorized to appoint as many deputies as may be necessary to perform the functions of the Assessor's Office and to provide assistance to the property owners.

In accordance with Louisiana law, the assessors base real and movable property assessments on conditions existing on January 1 of the tax year. The assessors complete an assessment listing by August 1 of the tax year and submits the list to the parish governing authority and the Louisiana Tax Commission, as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the assessors submit the assessment roll to the parish tax collector, who is responsible for collecting and distributing taxes to the various taxing bodies.

3. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, issued in June 1999. As established by GASB Statement No. 34, the financial report is divided into the following sections: (a) Management's Discussion and Analysis, (b) Basic Financial Statements, and (c) Required Supplementary Information (other than MD& A). The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) and the fund financial statements comprise the basic financial statements.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

3. Government-wide and fund financial statements - continued

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Assessor. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Because of the nature of the Assessor's operations, the Assessor reports only governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expense of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for the governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements of the Assessor. Funds are used by the Assessor to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Assessor are classified into three categories: *governmental, proprietary and fiduciary*. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE A -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Financial Statements - continued

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of the Assessor's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital project funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The General Fund is used to account for all financial activities of the Sheriff not accounted for in some other fund. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Assessor reports the following "major" governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the general operating fund of the Assessor. The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1906, is the principal operating fund of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are accounted for in the General Fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Compensation received from the taxing body, prescribed by formula in Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1907-1908 is accounted for in the fund. Capital outlay is not an expenditure of the General fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Debt Service Fund* accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

4. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes allocations are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Amounts reported as *program revenues* on the Statement of Activities include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues.

Within the fund financial statements, the accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using a *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Assessor considers revenues as available if they are collected within 60 days of year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on long-term debt, which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

5. Cash and Investments

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit accounts and petty cash (if used).

Under State Law, the Assessor's Office may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with State banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximate market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities, plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

6. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at year end are referred to as either "due to/due from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/advances from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/due from other funds". As a general rule, all interfund balances are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements.

7. Capital Assets

The capital assets used in the governmental - type activities are included in the Statement of Net Assets and are capitalized at historical cost. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets with an acquisition cost in excess of \$5,000 is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is provided for in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated service lives, principally on the straight-line method.

8. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are recognized as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net assets. Revenue Bonds Payable, if any, are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize the face amount of debt issued as other financing sources in the period of issuance. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as expenditures only when due. The outstanding balance of debt is not reported in the fund financial statements.

9. Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

The employees of the Assessor's Office, earn two weeks of vacation leave each year and earn one day of sick leave each month. Vacation leave not used at the end of the year is not carried over to the next year, consequently vacation leave is not accrued at the end of the year. Sick leave is limited to 180 days. Vacation and sick pay expenditures are charged to operations when taken by the employees of the Assessor. Unused sick leave can be taken only in the event of illness and is not convertible to pay upon termination of employment or retirement, accordingly, no accruals are reflected in the accounts.

10. Fund Equity

For 2011, the Assessor implemented the requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54 - *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund-Type Definitions*. In accordance with this statement, in the fund financial statements, fund balances of the governmental fund types are now categorized into one of five categories - Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, or Unassigned.

While the Assessor has not established a policy for its use of unrestricted fund balance, it does consider that committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

11. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

12. Subsequent Events

The subsequent events of the municipal district were evaluated through the date the financial statements were available to be issued (June 26, 2012).

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Budgetary Information

The Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, legally adopts an annual budget, which authorizes the annual appropriation of the Assessor's office for its General Fund. Budgeted amounts cannot exceed the budgeted appropriation at the fund level. Management of the Assessor may make line-item adjustments within a fund without the Assessor's approval as long as the total revenues and expenditures of the fund do not change. Appropriations which are neither expended nor encumbered lapse at year end.

In accordance with state laws, the budgetary practices include public notice, participation and inspection.

Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements reflect the originally adopted budget on November 30, 2010. There were no amendments to the budget made during the year.

2. Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations

For the year ended December 31, 2011, expenditures exceeded budget in the following object levels within the General Fund:

	Expenditures	Budget	Excess
General Fund			
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,541,571	\$ 1,289,426	\$ (252,145)
Operating Services	376,124	290,800	(85,324)
Professional Services	1,427,554	1,012,500	(415,054)
Equipment	162,132	136,000	(26,132)

Fringe benefits were over budget primarily due to the accrual of expenses for Other Post-employment Benefits (OPEB). Operating services exceeded budget primarily due to the initial consolidation of the assessors offices into one. Professional services exceeded budget primarily due to legal services related to assessing properties. Equipment exceeded budget primarily due to the need for additional equipment to support the increase in employees resulting from the consolidation. All of the amounts noted above were absorbed by available revenues or fund balance.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE C - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At December 31, 2011, deposits with financial institutions consisted of the following:

	Cash	Certificates of Deposit	Other	Total
Book Value of Deposits in Banks	\$ 87,314	\$ 50,000	\$ 0	\$ 137,314
Bank Balances of Deposits Exposed to Custodial Credit Risk:				
A. Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
B. Uninsured and collateralized with securities held by pledging institution	0	0	0	0
C. Uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the Town's name	0	0	0	0
Total Bank Balances Exposed to Custodial Credit Risk	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Bank Balances - All Deposits	\$ 87,314	\$ 50,000	\$ 0	\$ 137,314

2. Investments

Custodial Credit Risk

Investments can be exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities underlying the investment are uninsured, not registered in the name of the entity, and are either held by the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the entity's name. The following table lists each type of investment exposed to custodial credit risk and the reported amount and fair value of all investments regardless of custodial credit risk exposure.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE C - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS - CONTINUED

Type of Investment	Investments Exposed to Custodial Credit Risk		All Investments Regardless of Custodial Credit Risk Exposure	
	Uninsured, Unregistered, and Held by Counterparty	Uninsured, Unregistered, and Held by Counterparty's Trust Department or Agent, but Not in the Entity's Name	Reported Amount	Fair Value
US Instrumentalities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)			5,224,548	5,224,548
Total Investments			\$ 5,224,548	\$ 5,224,548

As shown above, the Assessor has investments in shares of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a state sponsored external investment pool. Because these investments are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form, they are not categorized for the purposes of this note. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local governments may participate in LAMP. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP is restricted to no more than 60 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The fair value of a share in LAMP is the same as the book value (i.e., a share in the pool is always worth \$1.00 per share).

Credit Risk of Investments

State law limits investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. It is the Assessor's policy to limit its investments in these investment types to the top ratings group. State statutes also allow the Assessor to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). The following table lists the Assessor's investments by credit quality rating, whether held directly or indirectly (i.e., LAMP):

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE C - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS - CONTINUED

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
AAAm (LAMP)	\$ 5,224,548
Total	<u>\$ 5,224,548</u>

Interest Rate Risk

In accordance with the Assessor's investment policy, exposure to declines in fair values is managed by limiting the maturity of its investments to less than 1 year. By investing most of its funds in LAMP, the Assessor is even less exposed to long-term interest rate risk.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Assessor does not limit how much can be invested in a particular issuer as long as the limits set forth in State Statutes are met. At December 31, 2011, the Assessor's investments in a single issuer (i.e., LAMP) totaled \$5,224,548 or 97.2 percent of the total portfolio.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE C - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS - CONTINUED

3. Capital Assets

Capital assets and depreciation as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, are as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Balance January 1, 2011	Transfers From Previous Assessors	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2011
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:					
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 100,581	\$ 22,060	\$ 0	\$ 122,641
Database of Properties	0	10,790,000	0	0	10,790,000
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	0	10,890,581	22,060	0	10,912,641
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Furniture and Equipment	0	(100,181)	0	0	(100,181)
Database of Properties	0	0	(1,041,098)	0	(1,041,098)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	0	(100,181)	(1,041,098)	0	(1,141,279)
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated - Governmental Funds	\$ 0	\$ 10,790,400	\$ (1,019,038)	\$ 0	\$ 9,771,362

The depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2011 totaled \$1,041,998.

4. Long-term Debt

Revenue Bonds Payable

To provide funds for the Real Property Data Collection Project, \$8,995,000 of revenue bonds Series 2009 were issued in August 2009 by the previous Board of Assessor, interest at 4.81%. As part of the consolidation of the assessors offices, all assets and liabilities were transferred to the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office. The Bonds will be secured by and payable solely by a pledge of all revenues of the newly created Orleans Parish Assessor's Office including, without limitation, those revenues received from the statutory reimbursement revenues due from the City of New Orleans. The Revenue Bonds Payable at December 31, 2011 was \$5,885,000.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE C - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS - CONTINUED

The Revenue Bond debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
Dec 31, 2012	\$ 870,000	\$ 283,069	\$ 1,153,069
Dec 31, 2013	910,000	241,222	1,151,222
Dec 31, 2014	955,000	197,451	1,152,451
Dec 31, 2015	1,000,000	151,515	1,151,515
Dec 31, 2016	1,050,000	103,415	1,153,415
Dec 31, 2017	1,100,000	52,910	1,152,910
	<u>\$ 5,885,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,029,582</u>	<u>\$ 6,914,582</u>

Bond issuance costs amounted to \$94,602, of which \$42,777 was amortized as of December 2011.

Changes in Long-term Debt

Long-term debt changed as follows:

	Beginning Balance January 1, 2011	Transfers from Previous Assessors	Current Additions	Current Payments	Ending Balance December 31, 2011
Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 0	\$ 6,715,000	\$ 0	\$ (830,000)	\$ 5,885,000
Net OPEB Obligation (Note E)	0	423,911	642,531	0	1,066,442
	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 7,138,911</u>	<u>\$ 642,531</u>	<u>\$ (830,000)</u>	<u>\$ 6,951,442</u>

Of the amount outstanding, \$870,000 in Revenue Bonds Payable is included on the Statement of Net Assets in non-current liabilities due within one year. The remaining balance on the bonds of \$5,015,000 and the Net OPEB obligation of \$1,066,442 are shown as being due in more than one year on the Statement of Net Assets.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE C - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS - CONTINUED

5. Restrictions on Net Assets and Fund Balance

The government-wide statement of net assets does not include any restrictions on net assets. Thus, these funds are available to the government for future spending.

Likewise, the fund financial statements do not include any commitments or assignments of its fund balance. Thus, the entire fund balance falls into the category of unassigned and is available to the government for future spending on any purpose.

6. Orleans Parish Millage Allocation

The Orleans Parish Assessor's Office shall be funded annually no later than March first by the City of New Orleans with no less than two (2) percent of the ad valorem taxes levied on property in the City of New Orleans and Parish of Orleans. Such funding shall produce in the initial year, revenue equal to or greater than that which was received by the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office for Orleans Parish from the City of New Orleans for the previous year. The total amount of revenue received by the board shall never be less than that received by the board in the initial year.

For 2011, the ad valorem tax allocation totaled \$8,362,816.

7. Interfund Transfers

\$1,116,386 was transferred from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the payment of bond principal and interest.

8. Expenditures of the Assessor Paid by the City Council

The City donates office space, telephone, and utilities to the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office. The office space is located in the Orleans Parish City Office. The value of these donations are not recorded in the financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE D - PENSION PLAN

All full-time employees of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, are members of the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System.

The retirement system is a state-wide defined benefit multiple employer public retirement system. The system is administered and controlled by a separate board of trustees, with contribution rates approved by the Louisiana Legislature. Contributions for participants and the Board's allotment are pooled within the system to fund accrued benefits. The Orleans Parish Assessor's Office does not guarantee the benefits granted by the retirement system.

Following is a summary of the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund for the most recent valuation date, which was September 30, 2011.

<u>Actuarial Value of Plan Assets</u>	\$ <u>231,647,617</u>
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<u>Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation</u>	\$ <u>20,177,466</u>
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1) Amount of the, Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, Current Year Covered Payroll.	\$ <u>2,085,674</u>
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Amount of the, Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, Current Year Total Payroll.	\$ <u>2,349,646</u>
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2) All full time employees of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, are members of the Retirement System.

Retirement benefits are computed based on the highest thirty-six (36) consecutive or joined months of salary.

A participant may retire after twelve (12) years of creditable Service and 55 years of age or older, or at age 50 with 30 years creditable service.

3) The Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund was created by provision of Act 91 of the 1950 Legislature, as amended, up to and including Act 256 of 1986 and required the following provisions:

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE D - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

The Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, contributed 21.5% of the covered Payroll for January through December 2010, which is remitted to the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund.

- 4) Retirement plan contributions for the year amounted to \$281,566. These funds are remitted to the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund.
- 5) The assumptions used for valuation were the same as those utilized for the prior year.
- 6) The Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System, a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan, does not conduct separate measurements of assets and pension benefit obligations for individual employers. Also, membership data is not available by individual employer. The amount shown below as the "pension benefit obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits for the state-wide plan:

Active Members	\$ 234,124,854
Retirees, beneficiaries and terminated employees	<u>134,763,043</u>
Total pension benefit obligation	\$ <u>368,887,897</u>
Total net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>231,647,617</u>

- 7) The historical trend information shall be included in the separately issued Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund annual report.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE E - POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

Plan Description - The Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, participates in a comprehensive medical plan sponsored by the Louisiana Assessor's Association. Medical benefits are made available to employees upon actual retirement.

Contribution Rates - Employees do not contribute to their post employment benefits costs. The plan provisions are contained in the official plan documents.

Funding Policy - Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pension (GASB 45) was implemented effective January 1, 2010. The funding policy, thus far, is not to fund the ARC. The Assessor's portion of the health care premiums totaled \$177,639 for 2011 and this amount is applied towards the Net OPEB Benefit Obligation in the table below.

Annual Required Contribution - The Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover the normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The total ARC for the calendar year 2011 is \$827,729, as set forth below:

	<u>Medical</u>
Normal Cost	\$ 450,367
30 year Amortization of UAAL	<u>377,362</u>
Annual required contribution	<u>\$ 827,729</u>

Net Post-employment Benefit Obligation - The table below shows the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office Net Other Post-employment Benefit (OPEB) Obligation for the year December 31, 2011:

	<u>Medical</u>
Beginning Net OPEB Obligation at 1/1/11	\$ -
Transfer from previous assessors	<u>423,911</u>
Annual required contribution	827,729
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation	16,956
ARC Adjustment	(24,515)
Annual OPEB cost	820,170
Contribution	(177,639)
Changes in Net OPEB Obligation	<u>642,531</u>
Ending Net OPEB Obligation at 12/31/11	<u>\$ 1,066,442</u>

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE E - POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE BENEFITS - CONTINUED

The following table shows the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office annual post employment benefits (OPEB) cost, percentage of the cost contributed, and the net unfunded PEB liability:

Post Employment Benefit	Year Ended	Annual OPEB Cost	Percentage of Annual Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
Medical	December 31, 2011	\$820,531	21.7%	\$1,066,442

Funded Status and Funding Progress - As of December 31, 2011, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was 0% funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$642,531. The plan has no assets, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrual liability (UAAL) of \$1,066,442.

	<u>Mutual</u>
Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	\$ 450,367
Actual Value of Plan Assets	-
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability	450,367
Funded Ratio	0%

All members are retirees, there was no payroll for active employees covered by the plan. The ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll is not applicable.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions - Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. The actuarial valuation for post employment benefits includes estimates and assumptions regarding (1) turnover rate; (2) retirement rate; (3) health care cost trend rate; (4) mortality rate; (5) discount rate (investment return assumptions); and (6) the period to which the costs apply (past, current, or future years of service by employees). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

The actuarial calculations are based on the types of benefits provided under the terms of the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, and its plan members at the time of the valuation. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, and plan members in the future. Consistent with the long-term perspective of actuarial calculations, the actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial liabilities and the actuarial value of assets.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2011

NOTE E - POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE BENEFITS - CONTINUED

Actuarial Cost Method - the ARC is determined using the Unit Credit Cost Method. The employer portion of the cost for retiree medical care in each future year is determined by projecting the current cost levels using the healthcare cost trend rate and discounting this projected amount to the valuation date using the other described pertinent actuarial assumptions, including the investment return assumption (discount rate), mortality, and turnover.

Actuarial Value of Plan Assets - Since this is the first actuarial valuation, there are not any assets. It is anticipated that in future valuations a smoother market value consistent with Actuarial Standards Board ASOP 6, as provided in paragraph number 125 of GASB Statement 45.

Mortality Rates - The Mortality rates used the RP2000 system table with floating scale AA projections for males and females.

Method of Determining Value of Benefits - The "value of benefits" has been assumed to be the portion of the premium after retirement date expected to be paid by the employer for each retiree and has been used as the basis for calculating the actuarial present value of OPEB benefits to be paid. Retirees are covered for health insurance after age 55, and 12 years of service, or 30 years of service at any age. The discount rate for valuing liabilities is 4% per annum, compounded annually.

NOTE F - SIGNIFICANT ITEM - TRANSFERS FROM BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND FORMER ASSESSORS

Effective January 1, 2011, the number of assessors serving Orleans Parish was reduced from seven to one single assessor, and the Board of Assessors serving Orleans Parish was eliminated. All of the assets, liabilities, and net assets of these entities were transferred to the newly created Orleans Parish Assessor's Office.

The significant item described in the Statement of Activities totaled \$6,822,448, and the significant item described in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds, totaled \$2,734,088. The difference of \$4,088,360, consists of the following:

Fixed Asset, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 10,790,400
Other Assets	12,960
Bond Payable	(6,715,000)
	\$ <u>4,088,360</u>

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGETED AMOUNTS	ACTUAL AMOUNTS (GAAP) BASIS	VARIANCE FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Revenues			
Intergovernmental:			
Orleans Parish millage allocation	\$ 7,600,000	\$ 8,362,816	\$ 762,816
Investment income	12,000	5,850	(6,150)
Other income	<u>30,000</u>	<u>35,239</u>	<u>5,239</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,642,000</u>	<u>8,403,905</u>	<u>761,905</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
Personal services	2,940,404	2,349,646	590,758
Fringe benefits	1,289,426	1,541,571	(252,145)
Operating services	290,800	376,124	(85,324)
Professional services	1,012,500	1,427,554	(415,054)
Material and supplies	318,800	193,116	125,684
Equipment	<u>136,000</u>	<u>162,132</u>	<u>(26,132)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>5,987,930</u>	<u>6,050,143</u>	<u>(62,213)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,654,070	2,353,762	699,692
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers out	<u>(1,121,386)</u>	<u>(1,121,386)</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	532,684	1,232,376	699,692
Significant Item			
Transfers from Board of Assessors and former assessors	<u>3,215,556</u>	<u>2,734,088</u>	<u>(481,468)</u>
Fund Balance			
Beginning of year	-	-	-
End of year	<u>\$ 3,748,240</u>	<u>\$ 3,966,464</u>	<u>\$ 218,224</u>

STATISTICAL SECTION

STATISTICAL SECTION NARRATIVE

This part of the Assessor's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report represents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the Assessor's overall financial health. It should be noted that since this is the first year of the newly consolidated Assessor's Office, the majority of these tables contain only one year's worth of data.

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TABLE 1

NET ASSETS BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

(UNAUDITED)

	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	(1) 2011
Governmental Activities										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,886,362
Restricted										
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims and Judgments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,966,464
Total Governmental Activities Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,852,826

NOTES:

(1) - The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
New Orleans, Louisiana

TABLE 2

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

(UNAUDITED)

	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	(1) 2011
Expenses										
Governmental Activities:										
General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,373,527
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,373,527
Total Primary Government Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,373,527
Program Revenues (See Table 3)										
Governmental Activities:										
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,239
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,239
Net (Expense) Revenue										
Governmental Activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (7,338,288)
Total Primary Government Net (Expense) Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (7,338,288)
Governmental Activities:										
General Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,368,666
Orleans Parish millage allocation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,850,000
Unrestricted Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,368,666
Total Governmental Activities General Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,368,666
Total Primary Government General Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,368,666
Special Items										
Transfers from Board of Assessors and former Assessors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,822,448
Total Special Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,822,448
Changes in Net Assets										
Governmental Activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,852,826
Total Primary Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,852,826

NOTES:

(1) The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

TABLE 3

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
New Orleans, Louisiana

PROGRAM REVENUES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

(UNAUDITED)

Function/Program	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	(1) 2011
Governmental Activities:										
General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,373,327
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,373,327
Total Primary Government Program Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,373,327

NOTES:

(1) The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

TABLE 4

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
New Orleans, Louisiana

FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

(UNAUDITED)

	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	(2) 2011
General Fund										
Non-spendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,966,464
Total General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,966,464
Major Funds										
Non-spendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Major Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Governmental Funds										
Non-spendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Governmental Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total All Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,966,464

(1) - The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

(2) - The Assessor implemented GASB Statement No. 54 in FY 2011.

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
New Orleans, Louisiana

TABLE 5

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

(UNAUDITED)

	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	(1) 2011
REVENUES										
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental (See Table 6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,362,816
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,850
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,239
Fees and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,403,903
EXPENDITURES										
Current										
General Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,891,217
Personnel and related benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,603
Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,407,554
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195,116
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162,132
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	208,248
Occupancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	830,000
Data Service:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291,386
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128,271
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,171,579
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,232,376
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,171,527
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,121,386
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,121,386)
Capital leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sales of Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Issue Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPECIAL ITEMS										
Transfers from Board of Assessors and former Assessors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,734,088
Insurance Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,966,464
FUND BALANCES										
Beginning of year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
End of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,966,464
Debt Service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.53%

(1) The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

TABLE 6

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES BY SOURCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

(UNAUDITED)

	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	2011
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES BY SOURCE										
Intergovernmental										
Orleans Parish millage allocation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,362,816
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,362,816

(1) The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

(2) The Assessor receives an allocation of property taxes levied by the City of New Orleans. This allocation is two (2) percent of the Assessed Rolls as per statute.

TABLE 7

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
New Orleans, Louisiana

ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY (1)
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(amounts expressed in thousands)

(UNAUDITED)

Calendar Year	Tax Roll	(1) Real Estate	(1) Personal Property	(1) Public Service Corporations	Total Assessments	(2) Homestead Exempt	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value (3)	Taxable Assessed Value as a Percentage of Taxable Value
2002 (1)	2002	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	0
2003 (1)	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2004 (1)	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2005 (1)	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2006 (1)	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2007 (1)	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2008 (1)	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2009 (1)	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2010 (1)	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2011	2011	2,586,082	385,700	167,557	3,139,339	384,017	2,755,322	0.06	29,549,200	9.32%

Source: Jefferson Parish Assessor's Office

NOTES:

(1) The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

(1) For the constitution, all land and residential improvements are assessed at 10% of its fair market value and all other property at 15% of its fair market value.

(2) Homestead exemption rate is \$7,500 of assessed value.

(3) Includes tax-exempt property. Estimated Actual Taxable Value is calculated by dividing taxable assessed value by the percentages noted in Note (2). Tax rates are per \$1,000 of assessed value.

(R)- Indicates a "reassessment" year

(K)- The tax rolls were reassessed in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to allow for storm damage

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New Orleans, Louisiana

TABLE 8

PROPERTY TAX RATES - DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

(UNAUDITED)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<u>DIRECT</u>									
Orleans Parish Assessor's Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>OVERLAPPING</u>									
City of New Orleans	14.91	14.91	14.91	16.10	16.10	11.72	11.72	11.72	15.10
General Alimony	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	4.66	4.66	4.66	6.40
Fire & Police	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.32	3.14	3.14	3.14	3.14
Public Library	28.40	28.40	28.40	38.20	31.70	23.80	23.80	25.50	25.50
Board of Liquidation	22.59	22.59	22.59	22.59	22.59	16.43	16.03	16.43	16.43
Sewerage & Water Board	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32
Audubon Park - Zoo	4.11	4.11	4.11	4.11	4.11	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99
Audubon Park - Aquarium	1.19	1.19	1.19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Board of Assessors	52.83	52.80	52.80	58.55	52.90	38.47	38.47	44.12	44.12
Orleans Parish School Board									
Levee Boards									
Orleans Levee Board	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	9.65	10.95	11.67	11.67
Algiers Levee Board	-	-	-	-	-	9.28	12.76	12.76	12.76
Law Enforcement District	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.50	3.50	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90
Economic Development and Housing	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82
Parkway & Recreation	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.18	2.18	2.18	3.00
Capital Improvements Trust Fund	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82
Street & Traffic - Device Maintenance	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.90
Police & Fire (Not Covered by Exemption)	10.47	10.47	10.47	10.47	10.47	7.92	7.92	9.19	10.47
	171.32	171.29	171.29	188.34	175.19	138.48	142.86	152.60	160.34

Source: Jefferson Parish Assessor's Office

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TABLE 9

PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011
(amounts expressed in thousands)

(UNAUDITED)

Taxpayer	Type of Business	2011 Tax Roll		
		Taxable Assessed Valuation	Rank	Percent of Total Assessed Valuation
Harrah's Jazz Company - Canal Street	Gaming/Casino	\$ 18,750	1	0.60%
International Rivera Center	Hotel	17,466	2	0.56%
CS&M Associates	Hotel	13,823	3	0.44%
Marriott Hotel Properties II	Hotel	11,944	4	0.38%
Harrah's Jazz Company - Poydras Street	Hotel	11,803	5	0.38%
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.	Insurance	9,941	6	0.32%
LKBOC, LLC	Real Estate	9,876	7	0.31%
WH Holdings, LLC	Hotel	8,919	8	0.28%
WNO Ownership, LLC	Hotel	7,063	9	0.22%
IPC New Orleans, LLC	Real Estate	6,651	10	0.21%
TOTAL		<u>\$ 116,236</u>		<u>3.72%</u>
Total Assessed Value (Table 7)		<u>\$ 3,139,339</u>		

Source: Jefferson Parish Assessor's Office

(1) - The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

TABLE 10

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
New Orleans, Louisiana

RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

(amounts expressed in thousands, except per capita)

(UNAUDITED)

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities			(2) Total Primary Government	(3) Percentage of Personal Income	(3) Per Capita
	Revenue Bonds	Other				
2002 (1)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%	-
2003 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2004 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2005 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2006 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2007 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2008 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2009 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2010 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2011	5,885	-	5,885	5,885	0.01%	16.31

NOTES:

(1) The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

(2) Details regarding the Assessor's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements

(2) See Table 14 for personal income and population data.

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TABLE 11

COMPUTATION OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING BONDED DEBT

DECEMBER 31, 2011

(amounts expressed in thousands)

(UNAUDITED)

Jurisdiction	Net Bonded Debt	Percent Overlapping	Overlapping Debt
Direct Bonded Debt:			
Orleans Parish Assessor	\$ 5,885 (1)	100.00%	\$ 5,885
Overlapping:			
City of New Orleans - Board of Liquidation of City Debt	118,533 (2)	100.00%	118,533
Orleans Parish School Board	196,292 (3)	100.00%	196,292
Total Overlapping	314,825		314,825
Total Direct and Overlapping	\$ 320,710		\$ 320,710
		2011 Population	360,740
		Per Capita	\$ 889

NOTES:

- (1) - The Bonds were issued by the Assessor to fund a new computer system.
- (2) - These amounts are as of December 31, 2011. The Board of Liquidation of City Debt is a component unit of the City and has control over all matters relating to bonded debt of the City. All of the City's General Obligation bonds, the limited tax bonds of the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, the Downtown Development District of New Orleans, and the Audubon Park Commission of New Orleans are included.
- (3) - Includes refunding and GO Zone bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2011.

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TABLE 12

COMPUTATION OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(amounts expressed in thousands)

(UNAUDITED)

	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	(1) 2011
Assessed value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,139,339
Times 10 percent	(2) 10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
Debt Limit										313,934
Bonded Debt Applicable to Limit										5,885
Legal Debt Margin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308,049

(1) - The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, prior year data is not available.

(2) - State statutes limit bonded debt to 10 percent of assessed value.

TABLE 13

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
New Orleans, Louisiana

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN YEARS

(UNAUDITED)

Fiscal Year	(2) Population	(3) School Enrollment	(4) Per Capita Income	(5) (in \$1,000's) Personal Income	(6) Unemployment Rate
2002 (1)	-	-	\$ -	-	0.00%
2003 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2004 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2005 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2006 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2007 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2008 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2009 (1)	-	-	-	-	0.00%
2010 (1)	343,829	-	-	-	7.20%
2011	360,740	44,180	\$ 24,929	49,859,192	6.50%

Source:

- (1) The Assessor began operating on a consolidated basis on January 1, 2011. Thus, some prior year data is not available.
 (2) - US Census - quickfacts.census.gov
 (3) - Louisiana Department of Education (includes Orleans Parish School Board and Recovery School District)
 (4) - US Census - quickfacts.census.gov
 (5) - Economagic website
 (6) - Economagic website

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TABLE 14

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

(UNAUDITED)

	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	(1) 2011
General Government										
Assessor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Deputy Directors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Managers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Appraisers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Customer Service Rep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Abstractors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Support Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Accountants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Market Analysts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Field Data Collectors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56

SOURCE: Assessor's Personnel Department

NOTES:

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TABLE 15

OPERATING INDICATORS
Last Ten Fiscal Years

(UNAUDITED)

Form of Government	General Government (Assessor's Office)										% Change
	(1) June 30, 2002	(1) June 30, 2003	(1) June 30, 2004	(1) June 30, 2005	(1) June 30, 2006	(1) June 30, 2007	(1) June 30, 2008	(1) June 30, 2009	(1) June 30, 2010	June 30, 2011	
Population-total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	343,829	360,740	4.9%
\$ Value of Assessment Roll (net of homestead exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 692,624,994	
Ward 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	435,774,266	
Ward 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	666,008,170	
Ward 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,363,810	
Ward 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	212,392,520	
Ward 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	466,018,400	
Ward 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	157,137,830	
Ward 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 2,755,321,950	
# of Parcels Assessed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ward 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,372	
Ward 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,867	
Ward 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,574	
Ward 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,349	
Ward 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,300	
Ward 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,160	
Ward 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,933	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161,537	

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TABLE 16

CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN YEARS

(UNAUDITED)

Program/Function	(1) 2002	(1) 2003	(1) 2004	(1) 2005	(1) 2006	(1) 2007	(1) 2008	(1) 2009	(1) 2010	2011
Public Safety										
Number of Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
General and Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Satellite Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Independent Auditor's Report

Orleans Parish Assessor's Office

We have audited the financial statements of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2012. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of Orleans Parish Assessor's Office is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Cascio & Schmidt, LLP.

Metairie, Louisiana
June 26, 2012

ORLEANS PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSE

Year Ended December 31, 2011

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements.

B. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings or questioned costs for the year ended December 31, 2011.

C. STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

There were no prior year audit findings.

(END OF REPORT)